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Mr. Caton,

Editors "Free Press", Winnipeg, Man.

My dear Sir:

At the request of the Honourable N. A. Powell who is absent in England I am writing you to ask whether you will be good enough to act as a member of the Literary Committee of the War Lecture Bureau of which I was asked to become the Chairman a few months ago. Mr. Powell is anxious to have the Committee enlarged and he asks such more representative.

The purpose of this Committee is to inform the people of the Dominion by means of addresses given by the clergy, by authorized speakers in theatres and places of public resort, and by the teachers in schools as to what is being done by the Government with a view to maintain as fully as possible their co-operation for the winning of the war. For this purpose at brief regular bulletins are issued containing the substance of addresses and other information that may be used by speakers. It is recognized by the Government that the spirit of the people must be maintained at a high level and that our success is due to their intelligent participation in the efforts that are at present

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being put forth and will be continued not only during the war but also after it has been brought to a conclusion.

I am enclosing a copy of the fortnightly bulletin which will illustrate the work of the Committee.

I should like it to be understood that this invitation does not come from me but from Mr. Powell.

Would you be kind enough to wire your answer (charges collect) to the Office of the War Committee, Ottawa ?

Will you allow me also to say personally that I hope you will consent to have your name placed on the Committee, and if you do I am sure that the value of the work will be greatly increased.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman, Advisory Committee,
War Lectures Bureau.